



## **Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** July 24, 2012

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Referral:** Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee

**Subject:** **Operating Budget Appropriation Increase for Recycling Cart Purchase**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize an increase in the appropriation to the Recycling Fund (07700-6640300) by \$1,800,000 from the available balance in the Solid Waste - Enterprise Fund (07700) for the purchase of 30,000 recycling carts.

**Previous Directives:**

May 25, 2012: Approval to implement a single sort recycling collection program for the residents of the City of Minneapolis.

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenters:** David Herberholz, Director, Solid Waste and Recycling

**Reviews** Not Applicable

**Financial Impact**

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget for the Public Works Department in Fund 07700-6640300 for an additional \$1.8 million.

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable  
City Goals: Eco Focused – Use less energy, produce less waste  
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable  
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

On May 25, 2012, the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department received City Council approval to implement a single sort recycling collection program for the residents of the City of Minneapolis.

Public Works is working diligently to begin implementation of the single sort recycling collection program as soon as possible. A key step in this process is to purchase new recycling carts for collection. Funds are not currently budgeted to purchase carts, but Public Works would like to purchase the first batch of 30,000 this year (2012). The estimated cost to purchase 30,000 recycling carts is \$1,800,000. The cost for the remaining 80,000 units necessary for the new program is in our 2013 budget. The carts will be acquired through the public bidding process.

This cart purchase complements several other aspects of the implementation that Public Works currently has in process, including:

- Receipt of delivery of four rear-load packer trucks obtained through the annual truck replacement program in Solid Waste & Recycling. These are due to arrive this fall.
- Obtain an agreement for single sort recycling processing through the Request for Proposal process.
- Purchase and distribute approximately 110,000 recycling carts through the Request for Proposal process, including 30,000 units in 2012 and 80,000 units in 2013.